



# Dr. M.G.R. EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY



University with Graded Autonomy Status

(AN ISO 21001:2018 CERTIFIED INSTITUTION)

Periyar E.V.R. High Road, Maduravoyal. Chennai - 95. Tamil Nadu, India.

## FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE

2025-2026

## FOA CONNECT

THINK. DESIGN. EVOLVE.





## From the Founder Chancellor's Desk

It gives me immense pride in extending a warm welcome to the aspirants, to this prestigious university which caters to the demands of tens of thousands of students for quality higher education in Architecture and Design.

Faculty of Architecture and Department of Design at Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute believes in imparting higher education to the younger generation with updated knowledge and skill based exposure to compete and challenge the growing career and placement scenario.



**Dr. A.C. SHANMUGAM**  
B.A., B.L., FRCPS (UK), Ex. M.P., M.L.A.  
Founder Chancellor



**ER. A.C.S. ARUNKUMAR**  
B.Tech (Hons), LMISTR, MIET (UK), LMCSI  
President

## From the President's Desk

As the President of the University, I am honored to lead an institution dedicated to academic excellence, research, and the holistic development of our students.

Our faculty and staff are deeply committed to fostering a vibrant learning environment—one that challenges minds, encourages curiosity, and celebrates diversity.

I invite you to explore the many opportunities that await you here.

## From the Vice Chancellor's Desk

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Faculty of Architecture and Department of Design at Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute - a distinguished institution where learning, discovery, and community engagement are at the heart of everything we do.

As the Vice Chancellor, I encourage you to take full advantage of the opportunities available to you—both inside and outside the classrooms—and to become actively involved in the life of our university. Welcome to our university community.



**DR. S. GEETHALAKSHMI**  
Vice - Chancellor



**DR. C.B. PALANIVELU**  
Registrar

## From the Registrar's Desk

Choosing the right university is a crucial step in shaping your future, and we are honored that you are considering the Faculty of Architecture and Department of Design at Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute as the place to begin your journey.

We look forward to welcoming you to the world of Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute University, and we would be pleased to groom you as a great scholar.

## ABOUT FOA

Department of Architecture, Dr M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute was instituted in the year 1993 with the intent to a multidimensional approach in providing education in architecture. Upon achieving its prestigious status of deemed to be university in the year 2003, there was a renewed focus and emergence of ideas for change.

The Department of Architecture attained its Faculty of Architecture status in 2011 and has been continuously evolving as a global leader in imparting architectural education.

We celebrated our Pearl Anniversary in 2023 continuing to focus on upholding the essence of empowering brilliant and creative minds, taking it to the world beyond ordinary.

The Faculty of Architecture runs UG, PG and Ph.D programs. FoA launched Design Programs under the Department of Design.

## OUR VISION

Faculty of Architecture envisions to prepare industry-ready students and contribute to society. The institution provides a challenging, interactive curriculum with distinguished faculty and fosters rigorous, humanistic learning in a dynamic setting. FoA aims to be a global leader in architectural education, research, and practice, fostering innovation, sustainability, and social responsibility.



NIRF Ranking - Faculty of  
Architecture, Dr. M.G.R.  
Educational & Research Institute  
has secured  
**22<sup>nd</sup> rank in NIRF India  
Ranking 2024**

**30+**  
**YEARS**  
**OF IMPARTING**  
**THE ESSENCE OF**  
**ARCHITECTURE**

- To explore and divulge the needs of the built environment and thereby respond to the pressing needs of society.
- To provide the needed human capital and to create socially responsible professionals.
- To provide research leadership in exploring new directions and new developments in the built environment.

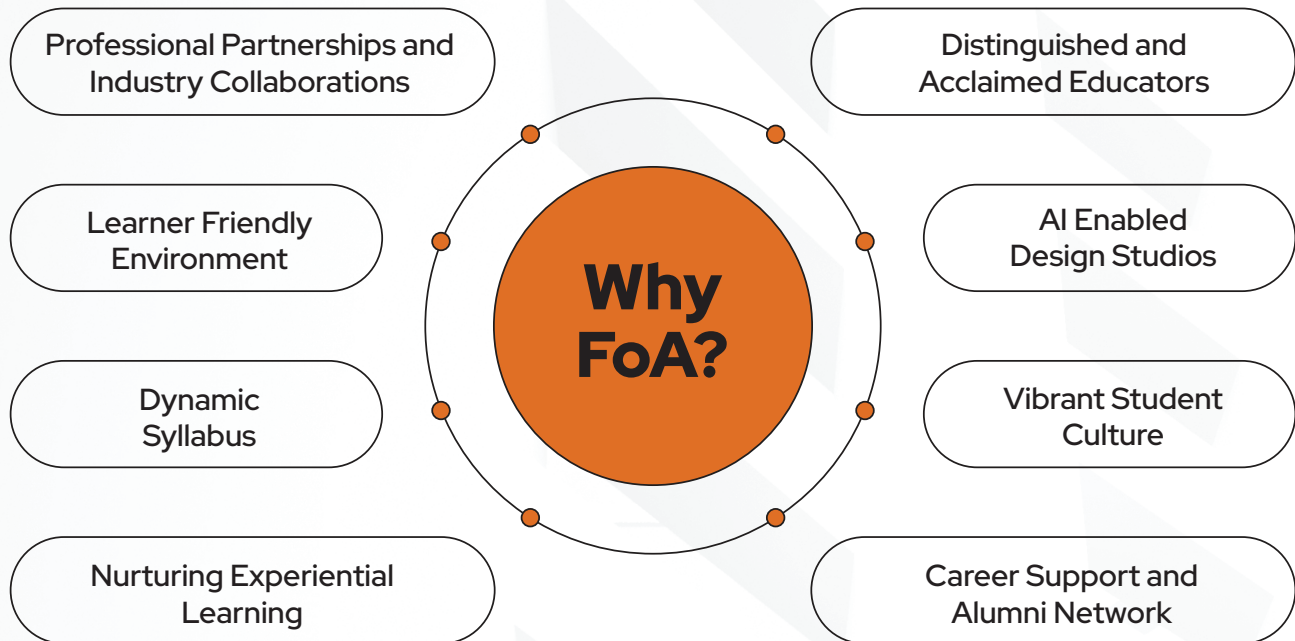
## OUR MISSION



# WHY FOA?

## @ Dr. M G R Educational and Research Institute

FoA stands at the intersection of academic excellence, regional relevance, and global impact. As one of India's top universities, we offer rigorous architectural education rooted in both cutting-edge technology and deep cultural context.



### FUTURE FOCUSED

FoA puts emphasis on emerging technologies, interdisciplinary collaboration, and real-world impact that prepares students to become not just designers, but problem-solvers and leaders. This enables a learning community that challenges traditional boundaries and encourages bold thinking—where architecture isn't just about buildings, but about shaping better future for communities all over the world.

### LEARN FROM THE BEST

The department boasts of a team of experienced architects, researchers, and educators whose work shapes the discourse of contemporary architecture on a global scale. Their diverse expertise offers a rare opportunity to be mentored by individuals who are not only scholars but active practitioners. Engaging with their studios, research labs, and real-world projects throws opportunities to the student community to absorb both cutting-edge techniques and knowledge transfer.

### # CONNECT

A well networked connect with industry experts, practicing architects, academicians put us at a horizon with cutting-edge research that inspires headlines.

### GLOBAL REACH

Our strong international partnerships, globally recognized faculty, and cross-border research projects reflect a commitment to addressing design challenges at a planetary scale. Being part of such a globally engaged academic environment will equip our aspirants with the awareness and adaptability needed to practice architecture anywhere in the world.

### A CAMPUS @ THE HEART OF THE CITY

Conveniently located in the Central Business District, our campus is powered by a fleet of buses which takes care of the transport which saves a lot of travel time in a metro city.

### TRANSFORMED TEACHING

The department embraces dynamic, student-centered approaches that integrate digital tools, interdisciplinary collaboration, and real-world problem-solving. Design studios with advanced technologies like parametric modeling, VR, and AI not only makes learning more engaging but also ensures relevance to today's architectural challenges.

Community-based projects, live design-build initiatives, and global partnerships that provide immersive learning experiences is something that we are proud of.



## FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE

**Bachelor of Architecture - B.Arch** (5 Years)

**Master of Architecture**

- **M.Arch Construction Project Management** (2 Years)
- **M.Arch Interior Architecture** (2 Years)
- **M.Arch Landscape Architecture** (2 Years)

**Ph.D. in Architecture**

- **Doctorate of Philosophy in Architecture** (4 Years min.)

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**B. Arch**

- 45% aggregate in the 12<sup>th</sup> with 45% in Maths, Physics and Chemistry (or)
- 45% aggregate in the 10<sup>th</sup> + 3 years Diploma with Maths
- NATA 2025 Qualification Required

**M. Arch**

- Bachelor's degree in Architecture with 50% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA
- Qualified in PGETA - Post Graduate Entrance Test in Architecture

## DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN

**Bachelor of Design - B.Des.** (4 Years)

- **Interior Design**
- **Communication Design**
- **Industrial and Product Design**
- **Apparel and Lifestyle Design**

**Bachelor of Fine Arts**

- **B.F.A. Painting and Sculpture** (4 Years)

**B.Sc. Interior Design**

- **B.Sc. Interior Design** (3 Years)

**Advanced Certification Programs - UI & UX Design and Interior Design** (1 Year)

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

**B. Des.**

- 45% in the 12<sup>th</sup> with any stream

**B. Sc. Interior Design**

- A pass in 12th or Diploma from a recognized board with any stream

**B.F.A.**

- Minimum Pass mark in 10+2 or 10+3
- Diploma from a recognised board.

**Advanced Certification Programs - UI & UX Design and Interior Design**

- Students pursuing their UG program in any discipline from a recognised Indian University.



# ABOUT OUR TEACHING FACULTY

At FoA we have a team of exceptional educators who bring passion, expertise, and innovation to every classroom. Here's what makes our faculty stand out:

## Project-Based Learning

We integrate modern pedagogical approaches, including project-based learning, technology-enhanced instruction, and personalized support to meet diverse learning needs.

## Research-Oriented

Many of our faculty members are active researchers, contributing to their fields and bringing cutting-edge knowledge into the classroom.

## Student-Centered Approach

Our teachers are mentors committed to fostering a supportive, inclusive, and engaging environment for all students.

## Global Exposure

Several faculty members have international teaching experience, enriching our students with global perspectives and multicultural understanding.

## Continuous Professional Development

We invest in ongoing training and professional development to ensure our educators stay ahead in educational trends and technologies.

## Emphasis on Employability and Career Readiness

Industry-relevant certifications and digital credentials are increasingly incorporated, helping students demonstrate job-ready skills.

## A Space for Exploration

Our studios are learning laboratories where students explore bold ideas, test design theories, and engage in hands-on experimentation. Each project is a journey of discovery, guided by thoughtful critique and iterative development.

## Project-Based Learning

Each studio revolves around one or more design projects that often simulate real-world conditions. These projects may range from small-scale interventions to larger ones.

## Critique and Feedback Culture

Regular critiques (known as "crits") are central. Students present their work-in-progress to instructors, peers, and sometimes visiting professionals. Feedback that is given fosters dialogue, reflection, and resilience.

## Real-World Engagement

Through design-build studios, community projects, and urban interventions, students address real-life challenges, often collaborating with local communities, professionals, and stakeholders.

## Hands-On Making & Digital Innovation

Our studios are integrated with model-making workshops, digital fabrication labs, and computational design tools—empowering students to move seamlessly from sketch to structure, from vision to visualization.

**DESIGN STUDIOS @ FOA** More than a place—it's a process of becoming.



# STATE-OF-THE-ART INFRASTRUCTURE

FoA boasts of a robust infrastructure with comprehensive facilities, equipped with a wide range of infrastructure to support both THEORETICAL LEARNING AND HANDS-ON PRACTICE.

SPACIOUS STUDIOS

SMART LECTURE HALLS

COMPUTER AND CAD LABS

CLIMATOLOGY WORKSHOP

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

MODEL-MAKING AND MATERIAL WORKSHOPS

SEMINAR AND AV HALLS

DISPLAY HALL FOR STUDENTS' WORKS

LIBRARY AND LEARNING RESOURCES

CONSTRUCTION YARD





# INDUSTRY ACADEMIA CONNECT

- Externships
- CAF
- Design Yatra
- FFSC Workshop
- Summer - Winter Term Break Programmes
- Professional Engagement

The Industry-Academia Connect at FoA is designed to create a strong, ongoing partnership between the academic institution and industry. This relationship is crucial for aligning educational outcomes with industry needs, fostering innovation, and ensuring that graduates are equipped with relevant, industry-ready skills.

The industry stakeholders also stand to benefit access to fresh talent, innovative ideas, and collaborative research that can address specific business challenges with these collaborations.



The finale of the IIID - YDC (Institute of Indian Interior Designers – Young Designers Competition) Event



## Summer - Winter Term Break Programmes

As part of the 5-day Term break Winter Program - 'CREATIVE FURNITURE & SET DESIGN', students of FoA experienced the nuances of set design, woodworking and furniture design.

They were mentored by Mrs. Agila of LNDecors, Mr. Lakshmanan Appar, of Appar Works. Students had hands-on sessions on traditional and modern woodworking techniques, where they tried CnC cutting, miniature furniture design and a lifesize extravagant parametric bench.







**Ar. Ponni Concessao from Oscar, Ponni, and Rahul Architects - An Interaction with M.Arch Students**



**FFSC - Furniture and Fittings Skill Council - Collaboration for upscaling skill for students of Bachelor of Design at FoA.**



**Expert talk by Ar. Harish D. Kameswaran and Ar. Santhosh Kumar, core designers of internationally renowned firms 1100 Architect, Frankfurt on Parametric Futures: Exploring the intersection of Design and Data.**

The session was organised for our B.Arch, B.Des and M.Arch Interior Architecture students. The speakers offered students valuable insights into contemporary architecture, visualization, and digital design.



**Expert talk titled "Project Formulation and Approval" by Ar. Paramita Patra, Director, Strategic Consulting JLL India on April 8th 2025.**



**Thesis (2022-2024) Final Review Summary under the mentorship of Ar. Shankar, Planning and Strategic Head at JLL, Chennai.**





**FoA showcased exceptional projects at the 3-day Chennai Architecture Foundation Portfolio Exhibition held at IIT Madras Research Park.**

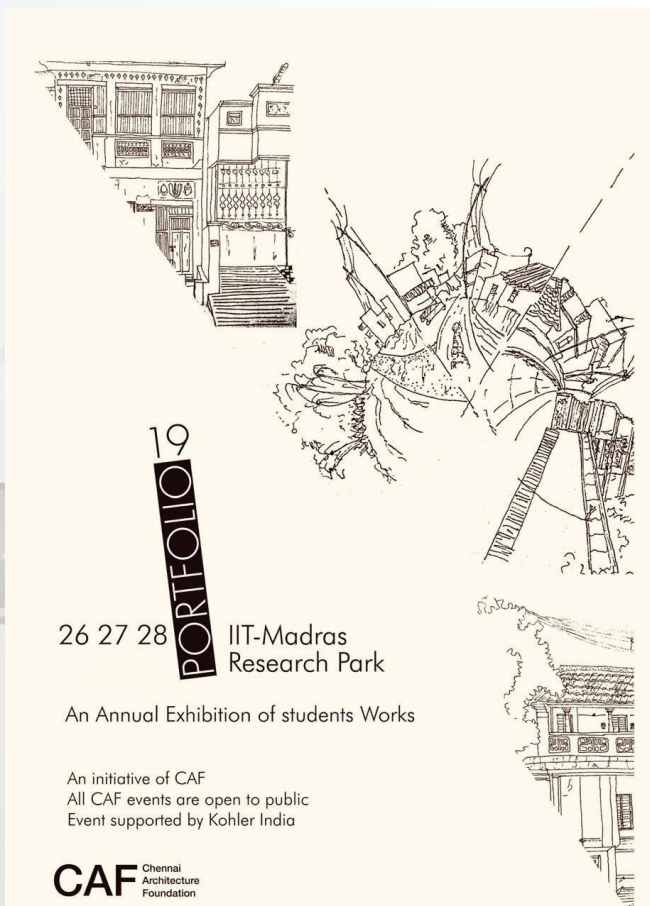
Thirteen participating architecture colleges from across Tamilnadu presented their drawings, models, sheets and designs for discussion with a larger group of fellow students and academics. The aim was to create a platform for students and teachers from across colleges to interact, learn, un-learn, observe, question and debate the various aspects of architectural education across different institutions.



**Industry - Academia Interaction during the final year end semester Jury - Ar. Ashwin from CMDA**



**Second Year students of M.Arch. (Construction Project Management) attended INFRA NEXT 2024, organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in its initiative to make Chennai a world-class destination.**



26 27 28 **PORTFOLIO** IIT-Madras Research Park

An Annual Exhibition of students Works

An initiative of CAF  
All CAF events are open to public  
Event supported by Kohler India

**CAF** Chennai Architecture Foundation



## Externship



### Externship Program for Students of Architecture in Participatory Urban Design

The Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) Chennai Chapter organized a unique Externship Program in January 2025, aimed at providing architecture students with hands-on experience in participatory urban design. This initiative was specifically designed for 2nd and 3rd-year students from various architecture schools, bridging the gap between academic learning and professional practice.



## Collaboration with the Russian Culture Center

### Design Yatra

Faculty of Architecture hosted the Design Yatra 2024 in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Architects, TN Chapter on the occasion of World Architecture day 2024



# EVENTS THAT ENRICH OUR CURRICULUM



# STUDENT ACCOLADES





# SKETCH-UP 2025 SIXTH EDITION

The Faculty of Architecture hosted its signature event Sketch 2025 on 27th March 2025 – a vibrant and immersive inter-collegiate cultural and design festival celebrating creativity, collaboration, and innovation among architecture and design students across the region.

This inter-collegiate event was a dynamic blend of academic excellence, cultural expression, and competitive spirit, aimed at fostering interdisciplinary dialogue and strengthening ties between students of diverse design backgrounds.

**The Chief Guest of the evening was Dr. Aadhi, Hip-hop Tamizha - actor, singer, musician, producer.**

**Bigg Boss fame - Ms Soundariya Nanjundan and Raanav were the guests of honour.**

**Our honourable Chairman, President and executives of the university and the department graced the occasion.**

Guest Talks & Panels, Workshops, Masterclasses, Cultural Extravaganza, Exhibitions & Installations added glamour and glitz to the event.

Trophies and certificates were awarded across categories.

At the closing ceremony guests of honour felicitated students and faculty contributors.

The event culminated in a high-energy DJ night, where students from all participating colleges came together to celebrate. With music, lights, and endless enthusiasm, the open-air dance floor buzzed with joy, closing SKETCH 2025 on a truly unforgettable note. It served as a perfect opportunity for students to unwind, connect, and celebrate the spirit of unity and creativity.





# NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL TOURS

Integrating tours - National and International into our curriculum enables a first-hand exposure to different cultures, historical sites, and natural landscapes. It helps to broaden their understanding of the world and encourage them to think more critically about the world around them.

Our tours complement the on-campus architecture subjects by providing direct personal experiences of built environments, which is an integral part of architectural education and a major way of learning to understand architecture as well as other related design fields. The goal of these tours is to provide the students with opportunities to experience buildings in their context, meet architectural practitioners, visit other architecture colleges, and engage in other off-campus activities both nationally and internationally.



## Dubai Trip





# CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT DRIVE

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The Career Development initiatives at Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute strongly support final-year students in advancing their careers beyond earning a degree. The university's Placement and Training Cell play pivotal roles in this process.

## Our Top Recruiters

These companies regularly offer jobs in core architectural positions, construction & project management roles, and landscaping projects.

Interior design firms absorb students with a good pay package.

The placement cell actively collaborates with these recruiters to prepare students through training programs, aptitude tests, and skill development workshops.

## Higher Studies - National and International

Our students are well-supported to pursue higher studies abroad through structured exchange programs, international collaborations, guidance workshops, and study tours, enhancing their academic and professional prospects on a global scale.

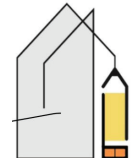
## Higher Studies Mapped

Heriot - Watt University - UK  
Columbia University, USA  
University of Colorado, Denver  
SPA, Vijayawada.

## Salary Package

B.Arch - 12 to 15 lakhs per annum  
M.Arch - 30 to 40 lakhs per annum

## Our Top Recruiters





# CLUB CHRONICLES

## Our Student Clubs

**Sports  
& Eco Club**

**Culturals  
Club**

**Arts,  
Literature  
& Debate**

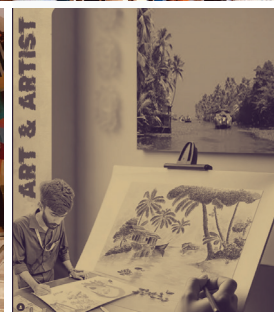
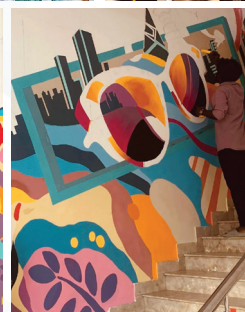
**Media  
Club**

We promote student engagement and creativity through a variety of club activities designed to enrich academic learning and foster holistic development.

A comprehensive framework is laid down for every semester to plan and organize student club events effectively.

Students are required to enrol as members in any one of the Houses showcasing the essence of great visionary architects - The Hadids, The Doshis, The Wrights, The Corbusiers.

These clubs organise inter-house activities and events every friday in the post lunch session.



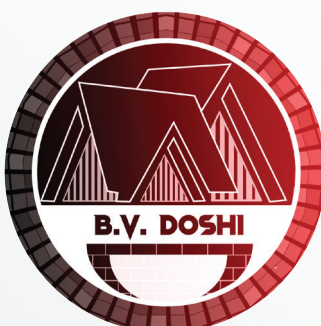
### The Hadids



### The Wrights



### The Doshis



### The Corbusiers



Students @ FoA launched House Theme - carrying forward vital extensions of academic life, fostering creativity, collaboration, and leadership outside the classroom. These offer our students opportunities to explore their interests in architecture and allied fields through hands-on activities, discussions, competitions, and community engagement.

Zaha in Motion, showcasing the essence of fluid forms - The Hadids celebrate Zaha's expressive spatial language as inspiration.

The Doshis strongly believe in the essence of Sangath Circle.

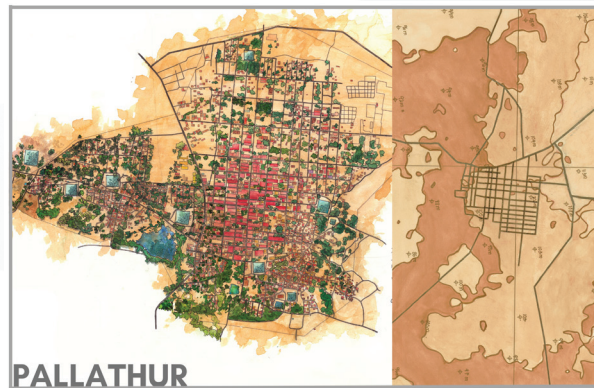
Nature and Architecture is what the Wrights believe in.

The Corbusians are brand ambassadors of Modernism Reimagined.

## HOUSES @ FOA



## The Rural Narrative - Community Initiative at Pallathur, a rural settlement on the Karaikudi plains of Tamil Nadu



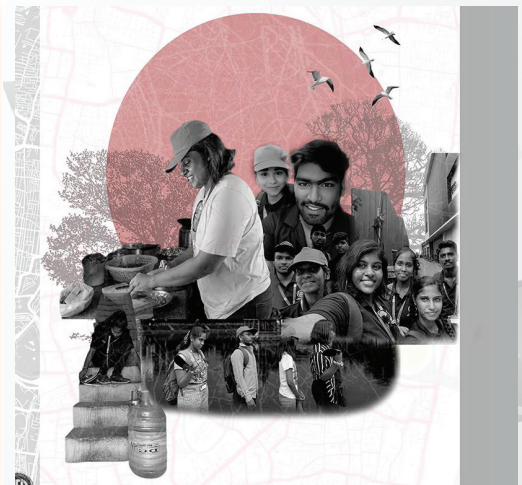
The study covered handloom weavers to local grocers—mapping livelihoods and economic currents that pulse beneath the surface.

Second Year students of B.Arch. explored Pallathur, a timeless rural settlement on the Karaikudi plains of Tamil Nadu.

The study had sculpted a panoramic yet precise portrait of Pallathur: a place where built form, livelihood, and cultural narrative intertwine in seamless harmony.

Design interventions in Pallathur village aimed to preserve its rich Chettinad heritage, revitalize the rural economy, and enhance quality of life, all while respecting the village's cultural identity and ecology.

## Social Initiatives at George Town and Sowcarpet - Interventions for the first settlement of Chennai

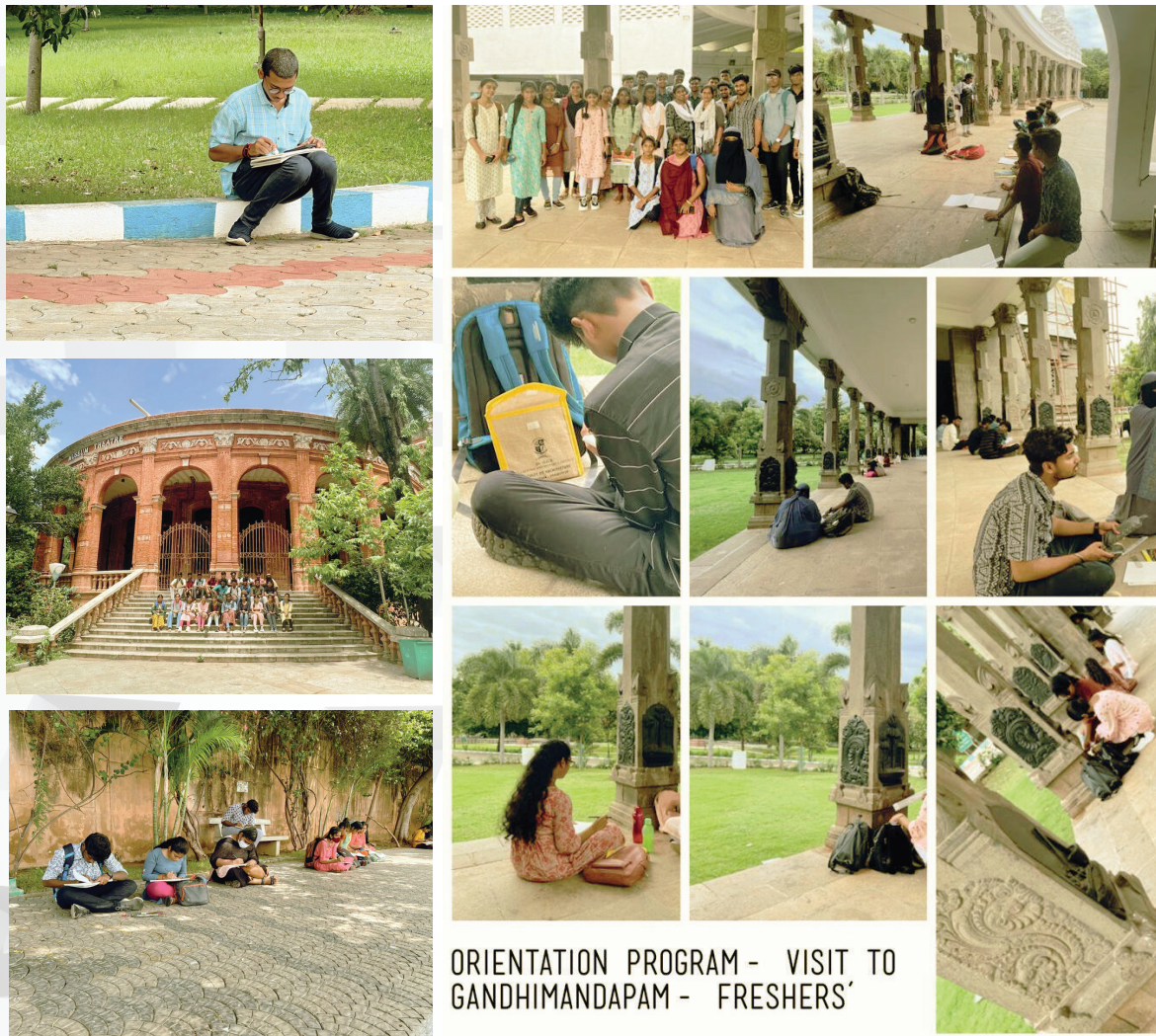


Fourth Year students of B.Arch surveyed Sowcarpet with the intent to propose designs to solve the existing issues. This was done by involving the stakeholders of the selected areas.



## Deeksharambh

### Welcoming the Freshers to the Institution



ORIENTATION PROGRAM - VISIT TO  
GANDHIMANDAPAM - FRESHERS'

**Welcome Sessions:** These include introductions to the teaching team, course leaders, and fellow students, setting the context for the architectural program.

**Campus Tours:** Guided tours of facilities such as design studios, libraries, and creative hubs to familiarize students with resources.

**Technical Workshops:** Focused sessions on basic architectural skills like experimental sketching, structural design, and sustainable building practices.

**Mentorship Programs:** Pairing first-year students with senior mentors to ease their transition into university life.

**Interactive Activities:** Group tasks such as sketching simple structures or identifying architectural faults to stimulate creativity and collaboration.

Students feel confident about their learning journey and are better prepared for academic challenges.

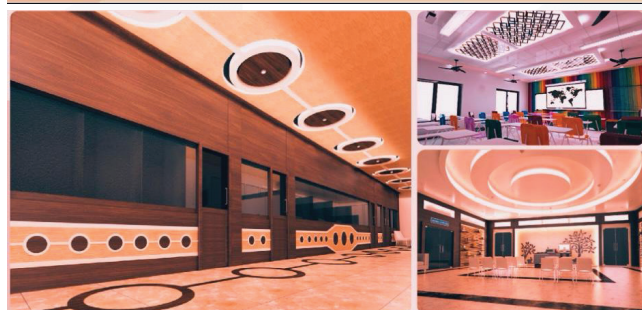
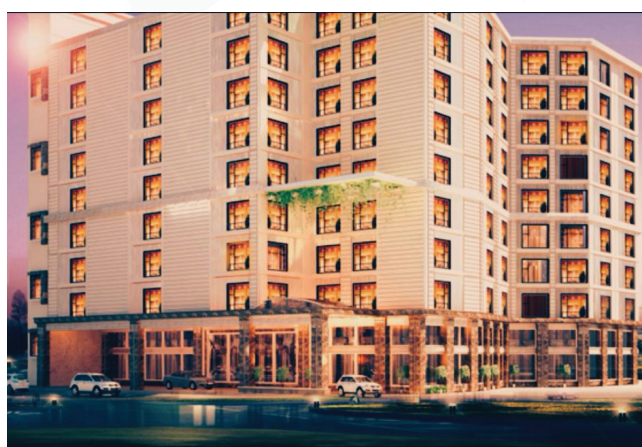
The program fosters a sense of belonging and community within the architecture campus.

It sets a healthy routine while introducing students to professional practices in architecture. Overall, the induction programme is designed not just to prepare students academically but also to inspire enthusiasm for architecture as a career path.



# ALUMNI INTERACTION

The "Reminiscence" alumni gathering hosted at FoA at Dr. M.G.R. Educational and Research Institute was an initiative to reconnect former students, celebrate shared memories, and strengthen the bond between alumni and their alma mater. It was a down the memory lane – a vibrant day for our alumni graduates to meet, greet and network with peers, and engage with faculty and current students.



## SLL Consultancy @ FOA

SLL Architects & Associates is a subsidiary established in 2016 within the Faculty of Architecture at Dr. MGR Educational & Research Institute, Adayampattu campus. It was founded under the guidance of Thiru A.C. Shunmugam and operates under the leadership of Dr. Swetha Madhusudan, Dean of Architecture.

The firm integrates academic expertise with professional practice, creating a unique environment for architectural innovation and education.

## Centre of Excellence

There are two centres of excellence set up to spearhead research opportunities, resources to provide support and visibility to original research work.

### CENTRE FOR ANTHROPOLOGY

### CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

The Center for Anthropology plays a vital role in educating students about the complexities of human societies and cultures. Through its academic programs, workshops, and seminars, the center provides students with the knowledge, skills, and perspectives needed to navigate an increasingly interconnected and multicultural world.

At the Center for Sustainability, faculty members and architects engage in research, education, and practice that promote sustainable design approaches. The center also serves as a hub for collaboration and innovation, bringing together students, faculty, industry professionals, and community stakeholders to explore sustainable design solutions.





## CAMPUS VIBES

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